Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Mayor and City Council 1435 Water Street Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1J4

April 23, 2007

Dear Mayor Shepherd and Councillors:

Re: Kelowna Municipal RCMP Detachment Policing Activity Report - March 2007

Please note below the policing report reflecting key activities undertaken by the Kelowna RCMP for the month of March, 2007. I will highlight the key statistical data for the most common criminal activities, and provide a short narrative overview of criminal trends and resources.

Activity Type	March - 2007	March - 2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	156	137	+ 13.8 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	13	12	+ 8.3 %
- Assaults - Sex Offences	132 11	115 10	+ 14.7 % + 10.0 %
- Sex Offences - Spousal Assault - M Offender	23	20	+ 15.0 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	7	9	- 22.2 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	61	63	- 3.1 %
Break and Enters	135	125	+ 8.0 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	74	75	- 1.3 %
Theft Over \$5000	6	3	+ 100.0 %
Theft Under \$5000	397	353	+ 12.4 %
Drug Offences	252	159	+ 58.4 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	107	177	- 39.5 %
Impaired Driving	18	19	- 5.2 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	50	69	- 27.5 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	175	161	+ 8.6 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0 %
Calls for Service	5456	5145	+ 6.0 %
Prisoners Lodged	530	509	+ 4.1 %

1 st Quarter Stats - (January - March)			
Activity Type	2007	2006	Increase/Decrease
Crimes Against Persons	423	357	+ 18.4 %
- Homicides	0	0	0 %
- Robberies	32	21	+ 52.3 %
- Assaults	358	301	+ 18.9 %
- Sex Offences	33	35	- 5.7 %
- Spousal Assault - M Offender	78	47	+ 65.9 %
- Spousal Assault - F Offender	19	18	+ 5.5 %
- Domestic Dispute - No Assault	159	182	- 12.6 %
Break and Enters	356	429	- 17.0 %
Theft of Motor Vehicles	223	245	- 8.9 %
Theft Over \$5000	22	7	+ 214.2 %
Theft Under \$5000	1141	1055	+ 8.1 %
Drug Offences	651	409	+ 59.1 %
Provincial Liquor Offences	331	521	- 36.4 %
Impaired Driving	46	71	- 35.2 %
24 Hour Driving Suspensions	131	187	- 29.9 %
Motor Vehicle Accidents	595	528	+ 12.6 %
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	2	+ 50.0 %
Calls for Service	15072	14607	+ 3.1 %
Prisoners Lodged	1460	1411	+ 3.4 %

Breakdown of Seizures by Drug Squad for March			
Marihuana	2869 plants + 12.6 kg bud		
Crack	1042 grams		
Cocaine	1 kg		
Crystal Meth	1 kg		
Heroine	2.3 grams		
Weapons	11 firearms, pipe bomb & pipe bomb making supplies		
Stolen Property Recovered	\$100,000.00		
Persons Charged	38		
Value of Seizures	\$2,815,200.00		

Drug Section Highlights:

Four separate marihuana grow operations were dismantled this past month; charges will include theft of hydro.

A special project targetting cocaine trafficking in the downtown core resulted in the arrest of 24 persons over a 3 day undercover operation.

Auto Theft Statistics			
	2007	2006	Increase/Decrease
Month of March	74	75	- 1.3 %
1 st Quarter	223	245	- 9.0 %

Two bait cars were stolen in March 2007; once on March 19, 2007 which led to the arrests of 2 adults, one male and one female, and again on March 31, 2007 by four male youths. The youths fled the vehicle prior to police locating the vehicle, however, 3 of the 4 youths have since been identified and will be arrested shortly. So far this year the bait vehicle has been stolen 6 times, with one additional attempted theft and 2 theft from vehicles, resulting in various charges being pursued against 17 different individuals.

Downtown Enforcement Unit (DEU)

Members of DEU have continued to lend their support to the Watches and Downtown Kelowna Business Association through their continued intelligence led police work. In consultation with a variety of groups and committees, target areas of enforcement have been identified and will continue to be monitored.

DEU Statistics for the month of March (Total Number of Shifts - 78)				
134 Files	105 Arrests	31 Reports to Crown Counsel	Tickets/Stats 166	

Resources

The City of Kelowna was billed for **120.5** full-time regular members for the month of March.

W.A. McKinnon
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